R.E.C. for providing single point connections to the households of rural poor living below the poverty line including Harijans and Adivasi families;

(b) if so, the number of families so far covered under the programme, State-wise; and

(c) how many more families are proposed to be covered under this programme during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise details for the period 1988-89 to 1995-96 are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) An allocation of Rs. 25 crores has been made for Kutir Jyoti Programme during the current financial year. The physical targets for the programme are under finalisation.

Statement

Number of families benefitted under Kutir Jyoti Programme during 1988-89 to 1995-96 (Position as on 31.3.1996)

S. No.	States	Single point light connections released (Provisionals)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	232205
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11372
3.	Assam	35711
4.	Bihar	200274
5.	Goa	1050
6.	Gujarat	40830
7.	Haryana	9630
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6646
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	933
10.	Karnataka	309500
11.	Kerala	26208
12.	Madhya Pradesh	362695
13.	Maharashtra	126728
14.	Manipur	3066
15.	Meghalaya	5440
16.	Mizoram	5100
17.	Nagaland	3506
18.	Orissa	99818
19.	Punjab	7880
20.	Rajasthan	79868
21.	Sikkim	12915
22.	Tamil Nadu	238570
23.	Tripura	3800
24.	Uttar Pradesh	200112
25.	West Bengal	101493
26.	UTs	1624
	Grand Total	2126974

Shortage of LPG Cylinders

87. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of LPG Cylinders in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure immediate supply of LPG Cylinders to the consumers, particularly in Punjab; and

(d) the number of persons in the waiting list during the last two years, district-wise/ State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The demand of the existing consumers of LPG in the country including Punjab, who are enrolled with the distributors of public sector oil companies, is by and large being met in full at present. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of bottling plants for extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas. Temporary shortage, experienced in Sept.-Oct., 96 has been generally overcome in different markets.

(d) A state-wise statement of wait listed persons is annexed.

Statement

Statewise waiting list for L.P.G. connection

States	As of 1-4-1995	As of 1-4-1996
Andhra Pradesh	8.17	10.14
Arunachal Pradesh	0.13	0.16
Assam	1.10	1.51
Bihar	2.94	3.72
Goa	0.60	0.61
Gujarat	7.95	7.95
Haryana	4.06	4.68
Himachal Pradesh	0.75	1.03
Jammu & Kashmir	1.14	1.36
Karnataka	5.74	6.55
Kerala	5.01	5.86
Madhya Pradesh	5.85	6.60
Maharashtra	16.14	17.81
Manipur	0.06	0.05
Meghalaya	0.07	0.07
Mizoram	0.14	0.05
Orissa	1.32	1.26
Punjab	5.14	7.02
Rajasthan	7.18	8.50
Sikkim	0.09	0.02
Tamilnadu	12.70	13.91
Tripura	0.28	0.32
Uttar Pradesh	13.90	14.87
West Bengal	8.74	9.35
Nagaland	0.11	0.04
Union Territories		
Andaman & Nicobar	0.06	0.12
Chandigarh	0.75	0.81
Dadra & Nagar Havali	0.02	0.01
Delhi	7.01	7.95
Daman & Diu	0.04	0.02
Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00
Pondicherry	0.37	0.46

Use of liquid fuel in power sector

88. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are issuing fresh guidelines/policy for use of liquid fuel by the power sector;

(b) if so, what changes are proposed in the new policy vis-a-vis the earlier policy; and

(c) by when the new policy would be made effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) Guidelines for allocation of liquid fuels to different proposed power projects are being prepared in consultation with Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and State Governments.

गुजरात में विद्युत क्षेत्र को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने हेतु विश्व बैंक की ओर से ऋण

89. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विश्व बैंक ने गुजरात में विद्युत क्षेत्र को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने हेतु सरकार को पंद्रह लाख अमरीकी डॉलर का ऋण प्रदान करने हेतु सहमति प्रदान की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विश्व बैंक के ऋण से आरंभ की जाने वाली परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) उपर्युक्त परियोजनाओं का कार्य कब तक शुरू किया जाएगा;

(घ) क्या सरकार विद्युत उत्पादन, पारेषण और वितरण के कार्य को विभिन्न कंपनियों को सौंपने का विचार रखती है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(च) क्या सरकार उपरोक्त परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के पश्चात गुजरात विद्युत बोर्ड को भंग करने का विचार रखती है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा अपारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डॉ. एस. वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (च) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होते।